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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/670)*]

## 69/253. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272 and 64/263

*The General Assembly*,

*Reaffirming* the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, 54/244 of 23 December 1999, 59/272 of 23 December 2004 and 64/263 of 29 March 2010,

*Recalling also* its resolution 61/275 of 29 June 2007,

*Reaffirming* that the purpose of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat is to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities in respect of the resources and staff of the Organization,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272 and 64/263;

2. *Also reaffirms* its primary role in the consideration of and action on reports submitted to it;

3. *Further reaffirms* its oversight role and the role of the Fifth Committee in administrative and budgetary matters;

4. *Reaffirms* the independence and the separate and distinct roles of internal and external oversight mechanisms;

5. *Recalls* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall exercise operational independence under the authority of the Secretary-General relating to the performance of its internal oversight functions, in accordance with the relevant resolutions;

6. *Reaffirms* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services is an internal body under the authority of the Secretary-General, and that, as such, it shall comply with all relevant regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the United Nations;

7. *Also reaffirms* the role of the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit as external oversight bodies, and in this regard affirms that any external review, audit, inspection, monitoring, evaluation or investigation of the Office of Internal Oversight Services can be undertaken only by such bodies or those mandated to do so by the General Assembly;



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8. *Further reaffirms* the existing mandates of relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies of the General Assembly in the field of administration, budgetary and management matters;

9. *Emphasizes* that the recruitment and promotion of staff of the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the Organization, taking into account Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter;

10. *Recalls* section III of its resolution 67/258 of 12 April 2013, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with publishing audit and evaluation reports on the website of the Office as from 1 January 2015;

11. *Requests* the Independent Audit Advisory Committee to continue to keep under review the practice of the publication of audit and evaluation reports, including those on the relationship of the Office of Internal Oversight Services with management, the reputation of the Organization and the effectiveness of the new report format, and to provide relevant comments and observations in the context of its future reports, as appropriate;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to ensure that the credibility of the Organization and its staff is protected;

13. *Notes* the role of the Management Committee in monitoring closely the implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies, and stresses the importance of follow-up with programme managers to ensure the full implementation of those recommendations in a prompt and timely manner;

14. *Reaffirms* that the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services shall be appointed by the Secretary-General, following consultations with Member States, and shall be approved by the General Assembly, and for this purpose the Secretary-General shall appoint the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services with due regard for geographic rotation, and in so doing shall be guided by the provisions of paragraph 3 (*e*) of Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992, whereby the Assembly decided in particular that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State should succeed a national of that State in a senior post and that there should be no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

15. *Notes* that the five-year non-renewable term of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will expire in July 2015, and in this regard urges the Secretary-General to ensure that timely arrangements are made to find a successor in full conformity with the provisions of paragraph 5 (*b*) of resolution 48/218 B;

16. *Decides* to evaluate and review at its seventy-fourth session the functions and reporting procedures of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and any other matter which it deems appropriate, and to that end to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244, 59/272, 64/263 and 69/253".

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